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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The scheme will be taken up only after the two larger anicut schemes higher up the thodu in Karippur and Nediyiruppu amsam sanctioned earlier have been completed and the further availability of water for the Kondotti scheme is established thereafter."

B.C.G. vaccine.

* 152 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the use of B.C.G. vaccine has been introduced in our State;

(*b*) if so, when and in what places;

(*c*) whether any representations were received by the Government from any qualified doctors of the State, offering their services free to treat people with B.C.G. vaccine;

(*d*) whether the Government declined to accept the offer and refused to supply the B.C.G. vaccine; and

(*e*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) B.C.G. vaccination was introduced in Madras City in February 1949 and it is being continued as a part of preventive measure against tuberculosis.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*d*) & (*e*) Since no offer was made by any doctor, there was no need for refusing it."

Extension of Community Project Scheme.

* 153 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 145, dated 25th November 1952—

(*a*) to how many areas and what districts the Community Project Scheme has since been extended; and

(*b*) what are the rules or principles guiding the introduction and extension of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Four areas in the districts of South Arcot, Chingleput, Tirunelveli and Madurai.

" (*b*) (1) Community projects or blocks should first be established on these areas in which on account of irrigational facilities or assured rainfall, additional effort is likely to produce the most substantial results in the matter of agricultural production within the shortest time possible.

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(2) The scheme should be extended to the districts which have not so far been covered by the Community Development Programme.''

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' Sir in the matter of implementing the Community Development Programme in South Arcot district, may I know why it was not commenced from the most backward area, namely, Gingee and Tindivanam? ''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, I have already explained why Chidambaram taluk was preferred to other areas. As I have said only such areas are selected as have an assured rainfall or additional irrigation facilities, so that the extra effort put forth will result in extra food production.''

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' Sir, if rainfall is the real reason for selection of Chidambaram taluk, and it is considered to be as fertile as any part in Tanjore district—and in view of the fact that there have been rains in abundance by the grace of God in all places in the State, may I know why the scheme was not extended to Gingee, a backward area? I request the Hon. Minister may please give me more particulars about this matter.''

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, as I have already explained, the primary objective behind Community Project Programme is to step up food production and from that point of view Chidambaram taluk has been preferred to Gingee, as Chidambaram is an area where we could secure quicker and substantial results in the matter of food production.''

Retrenchment in staff in the Secretariat.

* 154 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of clerks and officers in the Secretariat who were retrenched due to the formation of the Andhra State?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' The number of officers and clerks affected or retrenched due to the formation of the Andhra State and the reorganization of the Secretariat were—

(1) Assistant Secretaries	... ...	4
(2) Superintendents	... ...	10
(3) Clerks —	Regularly appointed.	Nil.
	Emergency candidates.	75
(4) Typist and steno-typists.	Regularly appointed.	Nil.
	Emergency candidates.	58

One of the Assistant Secretaries has since been appointed as Assistant Superintendent of Stamps and another will get his